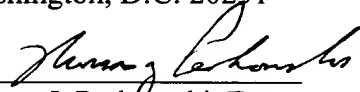


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Patent Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT OF THE TITLE TO INVENTION

Please amend the Title To Invention to read as follows:

-- HAND-SUPPORTABLE PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION AND IMAGING (PLIIM) DEVICES EMPLOYING LINEAR ELECTRONIC IMAGE DETECTION ARRAYS AND OPTICALLY-COMBINED PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION BEAMS (PLIBS) PRODUCED FROM A MULTIPLICITY OF LASER DIODE SOURCES TO ACHIEVE A REDUCTION IN SPECKLE-PATTERN NOISE POWER IN SAID PLIIM DEVICES--

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